



*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)*

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<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

**Click here for LRRC Employment**

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

## Rental Housing Available

The Little River Band Housing Department will have two rental homes for lease at Aki Maadiziwin.

Construction will be complete and the homes will be available after January 1, 2010. The homes have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, full basement and two car attached garages.

These homes are market based rentals, Tribal member families are not required to be low income. The homes rent for \$625.00 per month plus utilities. Security/Pet deposits and references are required. Background checks will be conducted, as with all residents at Aki. These homes are not HUD funded homes, therefore, we do not follow HUD guidelines.

**If you would like an application, please call Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department  
Toll Free 1.888.723.8288 or direct at 231.398.6878.**

## Kelsey Removed from Office!



At an all day hearing before Tribal Council. At-Large Council member Norbert Kelsey was removed from office by a vote of 8 for and 1 against in Resolution 10-10-25-16. The resolution for removal was for, "Gross misconduct and malfeasance in office." The removal was effective immediately.

In accordance with the Tribal Constitution, vacancy will be declared and the Election Board will be notified.

## 2010 Annual Goonignebig Tournament

**It's time to start planning for the Snow Snake tournament here at LRBOI! The date is the 13th of February and it will be held at the Community Center by Aki Maadiziwin. To register, please call 1-888-723-8288, ext. 6895 or email [Vchandler@lrboi.com](mailto:Vchandler@lrboi.com). The tournament is sponsored by the Tribal Historic Preservation Department.**

### Warriors Society updates:

Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660

## Wii Bowling League

There's a meeting Wed. Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m. at the Aki Community Center to form a Wii bowling league/activity. If you have family/friends interested, they are welcome. The league will begin the week of Feb. 22 after work. You can either form your own 4 person team or we can set you up individually to play. Come join in the fun, meet new people or visit with those you already know. Beat the winter blues, get a little exercise. If you have any questions or want to sign up contact Holly Davis at ext. 6610 or the Community Health Representative office at ext. 6629.

**The summer youth camp will be Aug. 2-13, 2010.**  
**Watch the Rapid River News and Currents for more details.**

The Enrollment Department would like to remind all Tribal Members who have not filled out a Beneficiary form or a PerCap Beneficiary form needs to contact our office. Please remember that these forms have to be notarized. There are still some Tribal Members who need to update their addresses. If you have moved, are moving in the near future or know someone who has moved please contact our office to update the address. This form has to be notarized as well.

### Payment Delays

It has come to the attention of the Enrollment Department that there have been a number of situations whereby access to Per Capita and Bereavement Benefit payments have been hindered because of the individual who is listed as the beneficiary. The cause of the problem has been due to the listing of a minor child as the beneficiary. The Enrollment Department is recommending that if you currently have a minor child listed as the beneficiary on either your Per Capita or Bereavement Benefit form that you may want to consider changing that person to an adult to eliminate any future problems associated with the distribution of those funds on your behalf.

## Traditional Healer scheduled

Traditional Healer ~ JD Gibson will be here Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like an appointment please call Julie at 231.398.6632

### *(Kateri Circle)*

"People have to be responsible for their thoughts, so they have to learn to control them. It may not be easy, but it can be done."

--Rolling Thunder, CHEROKEE

We control our thoughts by controlling our self talk. At any moment we choose we can talk to ourselves differently. The fight comes with the emotions that are attached to our thoughts. If our emotion is high and seems to be out of control, we can say to ourselves STOP IT!, take a few deep breaths, then ask the Creator for the right thought or the right decision or the right action. If we practice this for a while, our thought life will be different. It helps if in the morning we ask God to direct our thinking. God loves to help us.

Great Spirit, today, direct my thinking so my choices are chosen by You.

## 3rd Annual SagChip Round Dance

The 3rd annual round dance has been announced for March 13th at the Tribal Gym. Feast is at 5 p.m. and dancing is from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. A midnight snack will be provided. For more info, call Nathan Isaac at 989-600-5549 or Dan Jackson at 989-400-6644. There is a \$1000 Grand Prize drawing at 1 a.m.

### Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	1 opening
Natural Resource	1 opening
Binojeeuk	4 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

Youth Build Manistee. Northwest Michigan Works! is expanding the YouthBuild program to include Manistee/Benzie, Traverse City, and Beaver Island. A national program, Youth-Build trains high school drop-out youth, ages 18 to 24, in the construction trades. Hands-on learning takes place in building affordable housing within the community. The youth spend 50% of their time on academics -- obtaining a high school diploma or preparing for the GED. For more information or an application form contact David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist (ext 6842). Link for more information: <http://www.nwm.org/youthbuild.asp>

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

Government Weather Closing Policy. The tribal government has issued the 2009 Weather Closing Policy. When Manistee Area Schools announce a closing due to weather, the government offices will have a delayed open to 10 a.m. The same is true for the Muskegon Government Office and their school system.

## Woodland Indian Art Exhibit

This museum in Traverse City is in the midst of a nice exhibit featuring Woodland Indian arts and crafts. Use this link to see more. <http://www.dennosmuseum.org/exhibitions/current/2009-exhibitions/woodland-indians.html>

## Intern Program:

The 2010 Michigan State University (MSU) Tribal Natural Resource Internship Program has announced a call for proposals. This annual internship program is designed to provide MSU undergraduate students with professional experiences in natural resource and environmental management by placing them in the offices of tribes and tribal organizations. The program helps students gain practical skills, experience and knowledge including competencies about tribal resource management. Tribes gain access to skilled interns from the cadre of natural resource and environmental related majors at MSU. After reviewing tribal and student applications, MSU will work with selected tribal offices to co-determine students who best meet the needs of tribal programs. The interns will work full-time for approximately 3 months over the summer field season. Any tribal government department interested in submitting a proposal may obtain additional information from David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, at 231-398-6842 or e-mail [dhawley@lrboi.com](mailto:dhawley@lrboi.com). In addition, MSU students, especially American Indian students at MSU, interested in learning about tribal natural resource and environmental management are encouraged to apply.

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 12-8-09

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation

**Thursday, January 28, 2010; Judge Sherigan**  
**•01:30 p.m. 09169GC Pretrial - Martin v. Tribe**

## Elders Meeting: First Saturday of every month



## Census Jobs!

A 2010 Census Test will be administered by the U.S. Census Bureau at the LRBOI Muskegon Office (1101 W. Hackley Ave., Muskegon) on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Testing sessions have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tribal members interested in a 2010 Census Bureau position should attend one of the test sessions. In order to qualify for a Census Bureau position, all candidates must first pass a 30 minute written examination, be at least 18 years old or older, be a citizen of the United States and present proof of identity and employment eligibility at the time of the test. In the words of the Census Bureau, "This is an exciting opportunity to enhance your job skills, further your career and improve your community!"

Those wishing to take the 2010 Census Test at the LRBOI Muskegon Office on Wednesday, January 20, should arrive early to register. Please bring proof of identity and employment eligibility.

Carol Gibner, Partnership Assistant Native American Liaison with the 2010 Census, can be reached at 616-214-1526 (Grand Rapids) or e-mail [monag1010@yahoo.com](mailto:monag1010@yahoo.com) if you need additional information. A toll-free number and/or the website link can give you additional information regarding the test and available jobs. A printed brochure from the Census Bureau is available in the Tribal Government Downtown Bank Building lobby. A Practice Test has been attached to this e-mail and a hard copy Practice Test is available from the Workforce Development Specialist.

Toll-Free: 1-866-861-2010

Website: <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>



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From LRBOI.



## Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- **Learn:**
- **Myths about diabetes**
- **Diabetes prevention**
- **Diabetes risk factors**
- **Types of diabetes**
- **Eating healthy, dietary guidelines**
- **Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods**
- **Healthy food preparation**
- **Traditional foods**
- **Routine medical care**

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Starting Tuesday February 2, 2010 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday February 3, 2010 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

Election Board Community Meetings will be held on: Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 2 pm at the new Little River Community Center in Manistee. Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 2 pm at the Muskegon Satellite Office in Muskegon.



Election Proposed Regulations. The Tribal Election Board has posted new proposed election regulations for your consideration. The link to the regulations can be found on the tribal website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com), on the Home page. There is also a "comments" tab which will allow you to send your comments directly to the Election Board by e-mail

## Utility Bills delayed.

The Tribal Utility Department is currently changing their billing to an automated system (experiencing technical difficulties) and they will get the bills out as soon as possible. The remittance period has been extended to the 2nd of February.

### FEMA/Tribal Collaboration.

The tribal Emergency Management Coordinator, TP DO Officer Janelle Cook and the head of the Tribal Emergency Planning group, OPA Director Glenn Zaring, attended a conference in Mt. Pleasant this week with representatives of FEMA; other tribal officials and numerous state-wide emergency response/management officials to discuss ways to improve collaboration and cooperation involving tribes in times of disaster.



### Nike N7:

This is the first time a price reduction has been applied to this exclusive first-of-its-kind performance shoe. From 1/11/10 to 3/12/10 there will be a 30% price reduction on the four original styles of Nike n7's. This will bring the cost down to \$40.80 a pair. The styles are as follows: **Men's**- Black on Black;

White w/Metallic Silver. **Woman's**- White w/ Vivid Blue or White w/Regal Pink (canvas). Contact the clinic at 231.723.8299.

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.  
Or send them direct to [currentscomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi.com).

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.